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Reply to Office Action of April 19, 2006

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement contending that claims 1-5, 15-17 and 22-23 allegedly constitute a first inventive group and claims 6-14 and 18-21 allegedly constitute a second inventive group. Applicants hereby elect the second inventive group (claims 6-14 and 18-21). Claims 1-5, 15-17 and 22-23 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 24-34 have been added.

Examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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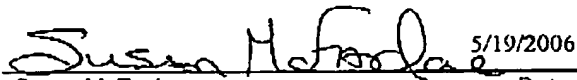
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